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Serious governance issues and failings in internal control systems have been uncovered at Cambourne Town Council, according to the recently published Annual Internal Audit Report for 2024/25.

The audit, carried out in June 2025, identified significant breaches of financial compliance. Failings ranged from poor management of financial

records, income, petty cash and assets, to the omission of information on the Council's website. Broader concerns over general transparency and accountability have also been raised.

In a statement, the Town Council said it "acknowledges these findings and is taking them very seriously".

While an investigation is underway to determine the full extent of the issues,

the current Town Clerk is on leave of absence. A Locum Town Clerk, Victoria Taylor, has been appointed to begin addressing the most serious concerns. Among the immediate actions was the introduction of new accounting software to strengthen financial management.

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## **TOWN COUNCIL**

#### AGAR 2025

Many of you will have seen our recent statement following the internal audit and AGAR. If not, you can view it on our website <a href="https://www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk">www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk</a></a><br/>
We would like to reassure members of our community that we are doing all we can to resolve the issues highlighted in the recent report, and normal services will continue. We kindly request your patience during this time of change.

# ■ Bank Holiday Food Market: 25th August 2025

If you missed May's Bank Holiday food market, don't worry, our next one is almost here!

See you at the Great Cambourne Cricket Pavilion 12 noon until 6pm.

# ■ Cambourne Community Fete 20th September

We are looking for Volunteers and Stallholders!

The Community Fete is back this September and we're looking to showcase everything that Cambourne has to offer! If you would like a stall, or know someone who might, email:

community@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
Similarly, if you can help out with crafts,
temporary tattoos or anything else, we'd
love to hear from you!

#### Fire Safety

Following several instances of local fires, we are urging all residents to exercise extreme caution when using barbecues or any open flames in our green spaces. The ongoing dry weather means risk of fire spreading is currently very high, and even a small spark can quickly escalate into a dangerous blaze. To help protect our environment, wildlife, and community, please:

- Never leave a barbecue or fire unattended
- Ensure all flames are fully extinguished before leaving the area
- Do not discard cigarettes or matches on the ground
- Report any signs of fire or smoke immediately to emergency services (999)

#### Countryside Code of Conduct Dogs on leads

As the weather gets better, we would like to remind dog owners to exercise their dogs on lead. Whilst we understand why owners may want to exercise off lead, particularly around the country park and lakes, it is important to remember that some people are not comfortable with dogs approaching them, or their dogs. Dogs off lead can also cause a disturbance to nesting birds and other wildlife. It also presents an opportunity for dogs to poo unnoticed and not being disposed of. The Town Council follows the Countryside Code.

# ■ Council meetings are held at 7pm in the Meeting Room at The Hub Community Centre

12th August, 7pm:
 Planning Committee
 Extraordinary Council Meeting

2nd September, 7pm:
 Full Council Meeting

- 9th September, 7pm:

Planning Committee - 23rd September, 7pm:

Planning Committee

Followed by Leisure and Amenities Committee

#### **Cambourne Town Council Office:**

The Hub, High Street, Cambourne, CB23 6GW.

Tel: 01954 714403

Email office@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk
Town Clerk: clerk@cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk

www.cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk



#### **MOBILE POST OFFICE:**

The Hub Car Park Mondays: 1.30-4.00pm Wednesdays: 12.30-4.00pm Tel: 01480 464 757

#### **BIN COLLECTIONS:**

Check your collection date here: www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/find-your-household-bin-collection-day

# Flu and Covid Jabs

#### 2025/2026 Flu & Covid Winter season SAVE THE DATE

Whilst still only August, we are busy planning our Flu & Covid Campaign for September – November 2025. In fact we have to purchase our flu vaccination 12 months in advance of each season so have financially committed to vaccinating a certain percentage of our eligible population. We will continue to coadminister flu & covid to our adult patients locally at the practice and invite you to save the dates as follows:

Tuesday 16th September – Age 2-3 yr olds, 'at risk' under 18 yr olds & pregnant patients

Tuesday 30th September – Age 2-3 yr olds, 'at risk' under 18 yr olds & pregnant patients

Wednesday 1st October - Age over 65

Saturday 4th October – Age 18-65 at risk

Thursday 9th October – Adult catch up clinic

We will be sending out invites early this year so that you can secure your vaccine here at the practice. Do we have the most up to date telephone number for you? Most of our invites will go out via SMS. If you have changed your number recently let us know through the contact us button on our website!

Further information on the seasonal campaigns and eligibility can be found by googling National Flu & Covid Campaign 2025.

Keep an eye out for updates on this on our website: www.monkfieldpractice.co.uk/covidflu-vaccinations









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# **Cambourne Library**

## **Exciting Update!**

**New Cirros Printing** 

We are now able to offer printing from both our public PCs and remote devices, customers own laptops and smartphones. In addition, your printing and photocopying is now paid for by credit or debit card on the payment device attached to the printer. While we all learn how to use this new system there are instruction leaflets available in the library to help navigate how to print and photocopy your documents.

Access to library computers and the photocopier/printer in the foyer is on a self-service basis.

The Summer Reading Challenge is off to a flying start! There's still time to sign up- but you need to be quick!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading through the holidays. This year's theme is Story

Garden - adventures in nature and the great outdoors. Cambourne Library staff and volunteers will be on hand to talk to Summer Reading Challenge participants every Monday

10am-12pm and Thursday 2pm-4pm in the library foyer. We will be able to give out the weekly stickers for the collector's folders and chat about what your child has been reading or listening to. Return books, read and choose your new books from the mobile library or any other Cambridgeshire library.

Cambourne Library's Summer Events - Held at the Child and Family Centre Activity Room, in the same building as the library (unless otherwise stated).

Beanstalk Bonanza, Tues 29 July 2025 -- 10am to 11.30am £2 per child

Ages 3+ Grow your own bean plant and share a beany story! Dinosaur Garden, Tues 05 August 2025 -- 10am to 11am £5 per child

Ages 3+ Make your own Jurassic Garden.

Lion Learners, Wed 13 August 2025 -- 11.30am to 12.30pm

Ages 4+ Venue: Sackville House Meeting Room (Meet in the fover) - Come and meet some friendly little animals.

Story Garden Magic Show, Wed 20 August 2025 -- 11am to 12.15pm £5 per child

Ages 4+ Venue: Sackville House Meeting Room (Meet in the foyer) - Can you help our magician with his garden magic? Make a Fairy Home, Tues 26 August 2025 -- 10am to 11am £5 per child

Ages 3+ We all know every garden has a fairy. Why not make a home for yours?

Please pre-book via

cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or during the times we are open as mentioned above.

Children must always be accompanied by an adult.

Please see local advertising, Cambridgeshire Libraries social media or website for details of further events planned for August.

#### Engage Event Wednesday 3 September 2pm-3.30pm

We are hoping to host an Engage event for adults in September. Please see advertising in the library foyer and locally for further information nearer the time.

#### Rhyme time/Storytime

Our Rhyme time/ Storytime volunteers will be taking a wellearned Summer Break. Thank you to them and everyone who attended and enjoyed the sessions in the Blue Space. We will be back on Friday 5 September 9.30am-10am in the Child and Family Centre Activity room, Sackville House

#### Knit, Sew and Natter Group Craft Group

Please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk while we are closed for more information.

#### Cambourne Lunch Bunch Book Group

Please contact cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk while we are closed for more information.

Refurbishments: We are sorry our refurbishments are running late and it is taking longer than anticipated. Therefore, we do not anticipate the library being ready until the Autumn.

NOTE: All return dates will be extended throughout the closure period; however, items can be returned to any Cambridgeshire library, or mobile library should you wish to do so.

#### **Contact Us**

Tel: 0345 045 5225

cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

#### **Social Media**

Facebook @CambridgeshireLibraries Facebook @CambsLibFamilies

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YouTube @CambridgeshireLibraries

#### **Comberton Library**

Monday: 10am to 5pm Tuesday: 10am-1pm Wednesday: 10am to 1pm, 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: Closed Friday: 2:30pm to 5.30pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm Sunday: Closed

Closed on Bank Holidays

#### **Papworth Library**

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm Wednesday: 10am to 1pm Thursday: 2pm to 5pm Friday: 10am - 5pm Saturday: 10am to 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Closed on Bank Holidays

#### There will be a **mobile library** at The

Hub car park in Cambourne on Monday 7 July 9.30am - 12.30pm, Saturdays 12 & 26 July 10.00am -

4.00pm

#### All return dates will be extended

throughout the closure period;

however, items can be returned to any Cambridgeshire library, or mobile library should you wish to do so.

# Stay fire safe while enjoying the summer weather!

Staying safe outside is just as important as keeping your family safe from fire in your home.

As the Summer weather hopefully continues and the school holidays arrive, many will take the opportunity to get out in the garden and give it a tidy. There are a few simple things to do which will help reduce the risk of having a fire:

Dispose of garden waste using either a local waste pick up service, or take it to a local recycling centre. Do not light a bonfire!

Ensure cigarettes are completely out

Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground - the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire.

If you are planning to have a BBQ:

Use barbeques on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing

Put disposable barbeques on bricks, do not place directly on grass.

Don't be tempted to swim in open water! When the weather is hot and sunny it might tempt people into swimming in open water. It might nice and warm, but the water temperature can still be very cold, which could cause cold water shock making it difficult to swim to safety. The water might also be deeper than it looks, with hidden dangers under the surface.

We know water is tempting when it's warm outside and as friends gather looking for something to do it can seem great fun. But the fun can quickly turn to tragedy and that is what we are trying to prevent by ensuring everyone understands the risks and hidden dangers.

As much as we discourage people from doing so, we are aware that people will decide to swim in open water. If you get into difficulty, you should "Float to Live", by leaning back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat, and try and control your breathing. Once calm, either call for help or try and swim to safety.

Also a really useful tip to help pinpoint your location is giving us a what3words reference. This is easy to do by downloading the app before heading out and encouraging everyone in your group to do the same, making a note of where you're swimming. The app is free and available to download on any mobile device.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE



# Wildlife Trust BCN Update for August

Bumblebees are large hairy insects with a rounded abdomen (tail). There are seven common species in Cambridgeshire, and they can be found in many habitats: gardens, parks, verges, waste-land, nature reserves... Why not visit one of our sites and see how many different species you can see?

Did you know?

Only honey bees make honey

Not all bees are yellow and black

Over 270 species of bee live in the UK, only 24 are bumblebees

You can make an educated guess at identification because the common species have different patterns and colours. You need to look at the colour of the tail and the thorax (the middle section) and then see if there are any stripes. If you see a large bumblebee that is black all over, it might be the rarer ruderal bumblebee.

	White tipped tail	Red/orange tipped tail	Tail gingery all over
Thorax gingery all over	Tree bumblebee		Common carder bee
Thorax with 1 yellow stripe	Buff-tailed, or white-tailed bumblebee	Early bumblebee	
Thorax with 2 yellow stripes	Garden bumblebee		
Thorax black		Red-tailed bumblebee	

There are also six species of cuckoo bumblebees that often mimic their host but are rarer. These species do not produce worker bees but instead hijack the nest of another species and then con the workers into raising the next generation. Cuckoo bumblebees are a bit less hairy and therefore appear to have a more pointed abdomen. Some species have smoky wings.

Cuckoo bumblebees do not collect food, so will not be seen with a blob of pollen on the inside of their back leg.



You can help bumblebees by encouraging the right species to grow in your garden. This might just mean just letting a few "weeds" grow. Here are a few easy win plants that can be grown in pots; Sunflowers, Sweetpeas, Geraniums, French beans, Lemon balm Chives

September events (booking is essential wildlifebcn.org/events)

**Trumpington Meadows:** 

Monthly meander: a longer morning walk Monday 9th Sept Seasonal stroll: a shorter afternoon amble Friday 12th Sept

Nature and Natter (creative writing): an informal evening session for adults to socialise Wed 17th Sept Cambourne

Cambourne Community Fete: 20th Sept

Little Bugs pre-school sessions: Friday mornings over 5

Local enquiries

weeks starting 26th Sept

Rebecca.Neal@wildlifebcn.org Facebook: @BeccaBadgerWTBCN TrumpingtonMeadows@wildlifebcn.org

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.



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Friday, 3 October - Pre-School & Prep School Saturday, 20 September - Senior School & Sixth Form Thursday, 13 November - Sixth Form

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# One year of being MP for Cambourne

In the run up to the first anniversary of the 2024 general election, I spent time reflecting on the events of the year, the people I have met and supported, and my plans for the next year.

Particularly significant moments have included seeing the Government U-turn on Winter Fuel Allowance after months of campaigning; successfully pushing for free school meals for all children in families in receipt of Universal Credit; and securing new accommodation for a constituent who was living in appalling conditions for five years in a Places for People property. There are more people who are having this issue and my work on this is ongoing.

Last month, having spoken in Parliament about

the importance of maths education, I visited Jeavons Wood Primary School where I witnessed great STEM teaching in action and participated in a challenging Q&A session with pupils.

I also recently heard from Cambourne Village College about ongoing issues with funding for music education and raised these in a recent debate. I will continue to work with the Liberal Democrats nationally to press the Government to increase funding for SEND provision, so that children get the education they deserve.

Over the coming year, I will continue to hold regular surgeries to hear from residents about problems they face and where I can provide help. Email me for a surgery appointment.



IAN SOLLOM MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire ian.sollom.mp @parliament.uk



**HELENE LEEMING District Councillor** Cllr.leeming@scambs.gov

# **South Cambs District Council website update**

The South Cambs District Council website has been updated recently and is much more user friendly, with lots of information for residents and support available for local businesses: www.scambs.gov.uk

You will be able to check the bin collection timetable, report a missed bin, find out when the streets will next be swept, view all the local ongoing planning applications in Cambourne and find out what events are taking place nearby.

Over the summer holidays, it is worth checking out the "Visit South Cambs" site to find out about the great attractions and local markets being held in the area: visitsouthcambs.co.uk/what-s-on

If you are a local business, please look at the wide range of support that is available.

You can find the District Council's Corporate Plan, which sets out the council's priorities for 2025-30 which are: healthy and supported communities; sustainable homes and vibrant places; being green to our core; helping businesses thrive in South Cambridgeshire; financially secure and fit for the future.

Lastly, there is a lot of useful information on the community safety pages, with tips from the police and fire authority on how to stay safe.

As ever, if you need help with any matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

# Pre-eclampsia - a serious condition

Pre-eclampsia is a serious condition which can happen during pregnancy.

It is more likely to occur in the second half of pregnancy or soon after the baby is born. It can cause high blood pressure and protein in the urine which may not be obvious, but can be picked up during antenatal appointments.

Other symptoms may include severe headaches, problems with vision, vomiting, pain below the ribs or sudden swelling in the face, hands or feet. If any of these symptoms develop in pregnancy, it is important to seek urgent medical advice. Pre-eclampsia can cause serious health problems, so the sooner it is diagnosed, the better the outcome. Pre-eclampsia is thought to be caused by a

problem with the blood vessels which supply the placenta. It is a condition that often runs in families and more common in those with diabetes, kidney disease or blood pressure. Those expecting multiple births, who are over 40 years old or who have a body mass index (BMI) of over 35 at the start of the pregnancy are also at higher risk. If you are suspected of having pre-eclampsia, you may need regular monitoring and treatment in hospital.

Pre-eclampsia can only be cured by delivering the baby and this may need to happen earlier than expected. Usually, symptoms will begin to get better after delivery. Reference/ further information:

www.nhs.uk/pre-eclampsia



**CATHERINE PRICE** Cambourne Parish Nursing Service nurse@cambourne church.org.uk

## COMMUNITY

# **Ladybird Hunt Winners at Cambourne Open Gardens**



Congratulations to Amos and Nora for finding all the ladybirds hidden in the gardens open in June and one in 19 The Coffee house too!

They were the only entrants to find all 18! Thrilled to receive their prize, which was a hamper of bug inspired goodies, they planned to hide the ladybird garden ornaments for each other. Amos thought different bugs could be hid next year, while Nora suggested that leaves might make a change. Both are good ideas, and we shall just have to see what next year's Open Gardens' Children's hunt has in store...

Next year, Cambourne Open Gardens shall be on the 6th and 7th June. So, save the date to join in this much enjoyed community event.

If you would like to open your garden, as part of next year's event, email juleshannaford@hotmail.com

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# **Choices, Choices, Choices**

It is estimated that the average person makes 35,000 choices per day.

We've been talking about choices at Youth Church recently, as we've worked our way through the story of Daniel from the Bible. We've been reading about the choices Daniel faced and thinking about how we make choices - from big life choices to the ordinary, everyday kind.

Daniel had to choose whether to eat the King's fancy food or eat only vegetables; whether to run for his life or trust God to help him; and whether to give up praying to God or keep praying and be thrown to the lions.

A lifetime of choosing to put God first in the ordinary, everyday choices prepared Daniel for the extreme choices he faced. Daniel's choices showed other people, like the Kings in the story, what was most important

to him. They saw how Daniel chose to live his life, they saw that Daniel was committed to serving God, and one King even saw Daniel escape from the lion's den unharmed 'because Daniel trusted in his God.'

It makes me wonder what my choices show... not just the big choices, but the ordinary, everyday ones too - all 35,000 of them. How many more choices might we face throughout the summer and into the next academic year? I wonder what difference it would make if we thought about what we'd like our choices to show others. What do you hope others will see is important to you?

Clare Cronin Ministry Team Leader for Children and Young People

#### **SERVICES IN AUGUST 2025**

Sun 3 Aug 10.00am **Summer Service** 

Sun 10 Aug 10.00am **Summer Service** with Communion

Sun 17 Aug 10.00am **Summer Service** 

with Communion

Sun 24 Aug 10.00am **Summer Service** 

Sun 31 Aug 10.00am **Summer Service** 

\* The 11.00am services have break-out groups for children and young people A partnership of the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist & United Reformed Church

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# **Addiction Recovery - Lessons from the First Series.**

This past month marked the completion of the first run of our addiction recovery program—and it was certainly a learning experience. Working with individuals from a variety of backgrounds and challenges quickly revealed how important it is to properly identify not just the symptoms, but the root causes of their struggles.

What some people misunderstand is this: the addiction itself is often not the primary issue. At the root of many addictions is a void—something missing in a person's life. It could be trauma, loneliness, or a way to cope with stress or emotional pain. What begins as self-medication can, over time, turn into a trap. The substance or behaviour that once brought relief ends up bringing bondage. Eventually, it's no longer about feeling good-it's about avoiding withdrawal, surviving the day, or silencing guilt. The individual becomes like a damaged vessel, cracked and leaking, focused solely on the addiction while struggling to see any way out.

Throughout our sessions, we taught how to recognize these root causes and begin the process of healing. If you don't deal with the initial underlying issues, it's easy to swap one addiction for another—trading the symptom without solving the problem.

One major topic we addressed was guilt. Guilt often plays a



#### PEACEHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10am Sunday school 11 AM Morning Worship Find links on Facebook for Peacehaven Baptist Church or look for

role in addiction—either as a trigger or as a byproduct of the addict's actions. So, how do you deal with guilt? The answer is: confession and forgiveness.

Now, we understand it's not always possible to get forgiveness from every person. But what matters is that you make the effort—both to seek



**Donavan Bangs** 

forgiveness and to give it. Bitterness, after all, is its own prison. It festers in the heart and can become its own form of addiction—feeding anger, resentment, and despair.

Thankfully, even when human forgiveness is out of reach, the forgiveness of the Lord is always available. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

We plan to restart the recovery sessions this autumn, with a refined and improved curriculum based on what we've learned. I believe the Lord has great things ahead.

If you're struggling, please don't wait. Get help sooner rather than later. Don't wait for a bad habit to become a crippling addiction. Healing is possible. Freedom is real. But it starts with the courage to take the first step.

Donavan Bangs on Youtube At the Cambourne Community Centre, the Hub Pastor Donavan Bangs 01954 710510 PeacehavenBC@aol.com peacehavenbc.org.uk Charity number 1204927



# **CHURCHES**

# St John Fisher

Preparation for the Holy Sacraments in 2026

First Holy Communion - the preparation sessions will start on Thu 11th September for children in year 3 and above. They will be on 2 Thursdays per month from 17:00 to 18:20, followed by 18:30 Mass dedicated to the Children where the FHC children will actively participate reading and serving the altar. Extended deadline: You must register your child before Mon 11th August by contacting Regina via the community email address: sjf.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk

Confirmation - If you or your child is in year 8 or above and wish to seek the sacrament of Confirmation in 2026, please drop an email to Paul and the team at: confirmation@cambournerc.com Again, this should be before Mon 11th August so that numbers are known and room bookings can be made.

St John Fisher Catholic Community Mass times in Cambourne Church Centre: Mon-Wed 12:30, Thu-Fri 18:30, Sat-Sun 17:00.

Contact Details: Tel: 01223 832397; Mobile: 07843 861719,

Email: sif.cambourne@rcdea.org.uk, Website:

http://cambournerc.com

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# TOWN COUNCIL

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Speaking to Cambourne Crier, Victoria Taylor said: "An investigation into the circumstances is ongoing. No further comment can be made at this stage to avoid prejudicing the process. It would be inappropriate to draw conclusions or assign blame until all the facts are known. We ask residents to refrain from speculation until the investigation is complete."

The Town Council's acknowledgment of the problems and pledge to reform have been broadly welcomed by local residents, particularly those who say they had previously raised concerns which had not been addressed. However, many are asking how such serious failings were able to go unchecked and questioned the



effectiveness of council oversight, with some pointing to meeting minutes that show a recurring pattern of poor attendance by some elected councillors.

"While councillors are unpaid, they are not simply volunteers," said Victoria. "They are elected public office holders with statutory responsibilities. Councillors are expected to undertake training and to maintain appropriate oversight as part of their role. Training opportunities have always been available to Cambourne Town Councillors.

"That said, it is also reasonable for councillors to expect the Clerk, as the Council's professional officer, to provide guidance on governance matters, ensure councillors are not acting in breach of any rules or procedures and recommend relevant training where appropriate."

- You can view Cambourne **Town Council Annual Reports,** including the Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25, here: cambournetowncouncil.gov.uk/ the-council/agar
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# **Statement issued by Cambourne Town Council, 3 July 2025**

The recent Internal Audit Report has identified serious governance issues and significant failings in Cambourne Town Council's internal control systems. The Council acknowledges these findings and is taking them very seriously.

In response, the Council has appointed a Locum Town Clerk on an interim basis while the current Town Clerk is on a leave of absence. The Locum Clerk has been engaged specifically to address the higher-level governance concerns as a matter of priority and will be working closely with the Internal Auditor to ensure robust systems are implemented without delay.

Measures to improve governance are already underway. The Council has purchased sector-specific accounting software, which will be operational in the coming days to strengthen financial management. The confidential section of meetings will be significantly reduced to enhance transparency, and all payments will be authorised strictly in accordance with the proper requirements.

At upcoming meetings, the Council will review and approve Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, the Code of Conduct, and risk assessments. Officers have already begun updating these key documents to ensure prompt



implementation. Progress on rectifying matters raised in the Internal Audit Report will be reported at each Full Council meeting and recorded in the minutes, which are published on the Town Council website.

Cambourne Town Council is fully committed to restoring strong and effective governance. Above all, we remain steadfast in our duty to serve the residents of Cambourne with transparency, accountability, and integrity.

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trapeze, scaling the climbing walls, conquering the rigors of the Jacob's Ladder and high ropes, the children discovered new levels of determination, resilience and team-work skills which will serve them very well as they move to their respective secondary schools.





# Jeavons Wood bids farewell to another year

Jeavons Wood Primary School: And just like that, another year at Jeavons Wood has whizzed past—full of learning, fun, adventures, and new experiences. We are so proud of all our children, but must give an extra shout-out to our magnificent Year 6, who have worked so hard throughout the year and achieved so much! We wish them all the very best at their new schools—they are going to be amazing!

To finish the year in style, we held our annual Sports Day and Summer Fayre.



Sports Day was a lot of fun for all, from preschoolers enjoying a Super Beanbag Bucket race, to the hotly contested relay races across the year groups. Even more competitive were

the Parents'



Races, some of whom were victorious while others tried their best! During the Year 4, 5, and 6 sessions, an unexpected Teachers' Race took place where Miss Stewart sprinted to victory in a skirt and bare feet, cheered on by a very proud Foxes class.

The Summer Fayre is always a highlight which our fabulous PTA worked so hard to create. We welcomed people from all over Cambourne with bouncy castles, face-painting, activity stalls, BBQ, ice cream, and a visit from the fire brigade with a fire truck! Our KS2 choir opened the fayre with beautiful singing, and the school field was filled with laughter.

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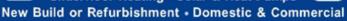
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In the Cookery Club, we all gain something truly priceless: lifetime friends to celebrate with, to support each other, and to share joy with.

Cambourne Cookery Club recently organised its 10th annual dinner at the Hub, where they served more than 15 Italian dishes to the community.

The Cookery Club brings people of all ages together to welcome new residents, explore new cooking and sharing meals, while making friends and celebrating different cultures. Launched in 2015 by CamCareUK with support from Cambourne Time Bank, the club continues to bring joy and connection to the community.

The current members of 2025-26 have selected the theme to cook oriental for the next year, where they will host only once within a small group at home, and in return, they will attend three other dinners for free. There is no judging, no scoring, and no entry fee, cookery club runs to make new friends every year



in Cambourne. It is recommended to join with a partner and family, but individuals are also welcome. At the end of the rota dinners, we will celebrate with our Annual Cookery Club Dinner at the Hub.

If you would like to be part of this year's Cookery Club, please contact: Shrobona Bhattacharya at 07852 753216 and email to her shrobona@gmail.com





# **Light Up Cambourne - Upcoming Events**

LUC have three events for your diaries, firstly we are trying something new by holding a make a scarecrow competition.

For the event, competitors will make a scarecrow and display it outside of their houses or somewhere else that's suitable for judging on the 13th of September.

It should be fun and something for the kids to do during the holidays (or grownups for that matter), an entrance fee of £5 per crow will see your efforts entered into the event with the chance to win £25 for the best scarecrow, £15 for second place and £10 for third. Scarecrows can be of any type, theme, character or object you wish, as long as they are recognisable as a scarecrow and constructed using materials you would typically use to make one. So get your thinking caps on and see what you can come up with!! Tickets are now available.

A map of those entering will be produced so people both entering and not can view the scarecrows to admire them and/or gain inspiration for next year's event, which will be held if enough people support this year's first attempt.

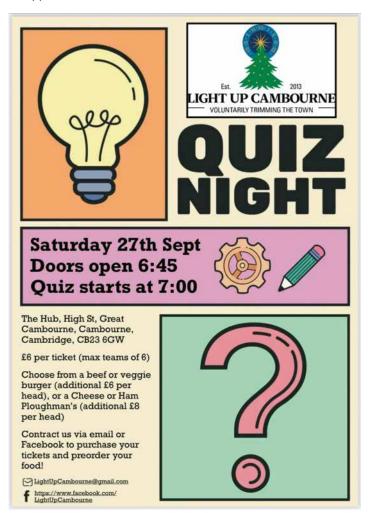
Another quiz evening at the hub is being held on the 27th September, tickets are now on sale. It promises to be a lot of fun with a range of questions aimed at both those who guiz and those who don't really!! Judging by the reaction to the last quiz we held earlier in the year, it's going to be a popular event, so purchase your tickets sooner rather than later to avoid being disappointed.

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The third event to tell you about will be held on the 1st November, by way of a Pottery and Prosecco (and other drinks) evening, again staged at the hub. Snacks and nibbles will be available to purchase for those feeling a bit peckish. Pre-fired Christmas themed pottery pieces and decoration materials will be provided for those attending to decorate their piece as they wish and take them home at the end of the evening. It's the perfect opportunity to make someone's Christmas present. So come along and show off your creative side!! It's a 'save the date' at the moment, price to take part will be announced nearer the time.

We are still on the hunt for items for our Tombola stall at the forthcoming Cambourne Town Fete, we need new/good condition items of pretty much anything you can spare that's suitable, if you have something to donate either send us an email or drop it off at the town council offices for us to pick up.





# **Bourn Windmill**

A rare opportunity to see inside one of the oldest windmills in the UK, and have a go at pushing the windmill round on its post and riding in it when it is being pushed around! It's a fantastic day out for all ages. The mill is open Sunday 17th August from 2pm, with last tours at 4pm. There is also a replica of the mill to see, restored by members of the Cambourne Shed, which was featured in a recent ITV Anglia broadcast and on the BBC website. Experience hands-on corn grinding with a guern and the guides will take you around the mill talking about its unique history, showing you its machinery, graffiti marks and so much more! Refreshments are available with home made cakes, teas and coffee or cordials.

Entry £4 adults, Children £1 (under 5s go free). CPPF members are free. Sat Nav directions and free parking in front field: Mill Cottage, Caxton Road, Bourn, Cambridgeshire CB23 2SU

Just off the road between the villages of Caxton and Bourn, is fine example of one of the most archaic styles of windmill; an open trestle post mill. Mounted on a central oak post, the whole structure had to be manually turned so that the sails were face-on to the wind to start working, or side-on to stop. Recent dendrochronology shows the central post to have been felled early in the reign of King Henry VIII. Once common throughout Europe, only a handful of mills of this type survive.

The evolution of windmills goes back a long way. Possibly more than a thousand years. Harnessing the power of the wind to grind corn saved hours of the monotonous back-breaking work that was involved in the process of making flour, using simple stone 'querns'. Over

the years mills grew larger and more powerful. Bourn Mill is one of the smallest, and therefore earliest, examples left.

And the millers were up against the tide of progress; newer, more effective mills were always being developed. In the 1800s for example, the tower mill. These were circular brick-built structures that could be much taller than the earlier post mills, with larger sails to catch more wind. A 'fan-tail' mechanism automatically turned the sails to face the wind, so the mill was always working at maximum efficiency. Typically, such mills were powerful enough to drive three sets of stones, while Bourn Mill could only drive one. It would have been difficult for post mills to compete.

Bourn Mill operated until the early 20th century, it last worked in 1926, and was acquired, derelict, by Cambridge Preservation Society (later Cambridge Past, Present and Future) in 1931.

Preserving Bourn Mill has been a constant process. As a student Norman, now Lord Foster made detailed drawings and was instrumental in bringing in steel components to aid structural rigidity. Many of the timbers have been replaced over the years.

Parts of the mill have recently undergone a significant restoration. Problems were found in the beams of the trestle which support the whole weight of the mill. Replacement timbers, French oak, have been fitted to ensure that Bourn Mill stands and tells its story for generations to come.





# 2nd Scout Group goes American for the evening

Our outdoor activities continued through the summer term including our Cubs and Scouts spending an evening each at the Obstacle Training Ground in Bassingbourn. The assault course was both fun and challenging, with our young people pushing themselves physically to achieve some of the harder climbs and jumps. They were also really hot evenings, so the water slides were very much appreciated! On the water theme, 2nd Cambourne Beavers joined with 1st Cambourne Beavers for an outdoor water night, with relay races and a water fight at

the end. It was fantastic to see the groups mixing and having

lots of fun. Another joint night was also held with 1st and 2nd Scouts, who met on 4th July for a USA-themed evening, with Bingo, Baseball and American Hotdogs.



# **Woodcraft Folk welcomes you!**





# **Fun days at Cambourne Church**

This summer we're hosting Family Fun Mornings! Our theme for the summer is 'Lost and Found' and there will be a range of things to find as we explore the theme with crafts, games, toys and sensory play. These are free events with activities aimed at primary school-aged children and their families, and some

CRAFTS | GAMES | TOYS | SENSORY PLAY SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST | 10.00-11.30AM AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST | 10.00-11.30AM ..... AT CAMBOURNE CHURCH ...... All children must be accompanied by an adult

activities suitable for under 5s. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The theme will run all the way into our All Age Service on Sunday 7th September. We'll share more details about each event nearer the time, for now, please put the dates in your diaries!



# Sing Papworth



Do you love singing in the shower and around the house? Do you fancy having a go at singing with others with your local community

choir, singing a range of pop, musical theatre and classical music? If so, why not give Sing Papworth a try? We're running free taster sessions at the beginning of September for anyone to come along, have a sing, and see if choral singing might be

Sing Papworth are your local, friendly community choir based in Papworth. We are a warm and friendly bunch with a mix of ages who love to get together and sing. No experience necessary and there are no auditions- whether it's your first time singing with a group or you've been singing with others for years come and give it a try! There's no need to be able to read music notation either, just a willingness to come along, have a go and have a sing. We tend to hold two concerts a year in local venues, working with other local musicians to raise money for local causes. We also support local events like carol services and Carols around the Christmas Tree. Our choir



members love to sing a huge range of music, so our concerts tend to feature a huge variety! From popular music to classical, musical theatre to jazz, we try and sing a bit of everything over the course of the year.

Rehearsals are run by MD and Papworth resident Jenni Pinnock and accompanist Elinor Everitt. Come along and try your first couple of sessions for free! Our first sessions for the new term will be on Monday 8th and Monday 15th September, 8-9.30pm at Pendragon Community Primary School, Papworth Everard. Send us an email ( hello@singpapworth.co.uk ), find us on Facebook or just turn up to a rehearsal if you'd like to come and give it a go. Also head to Facebook or our website to hear a few snippets of the kind of thing we sing.

# £90,000 grant funding to spark new life across **South Cambridgeshire high streets**

A funding pot of at least £90,000 is available for business and community projects to revitalise high streets across South Cambridgeshire.

The government funding has been allocated to support rural areas by enhancing the appearance and character of towns and villages to help boost the local economy and improve overall quality of life for residents.

Cllr Peter McDonald, Lead Cabinet Member for Economic Development for South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We're delighted to announce another year of offering this funding, which continues to support the innovation, resilience and community spirit that define South Cambridgeshire. These grants are a fantastic opportunity to breathe new life into our local shopping areas. By supporting projects that boost footfall and encourage residents to shop locally, we're not only strengthening our community spirit but also laying the groundwork for long-term economic growth. I encourage local groups and businesses to come forward with bold, creative ideas that will help our high streets thrive."

High street improvements implemented thanks to last year's grant include a war memorial garden in Cambourne, disabled access to a Café in Over, upgrading to doubled glazed windows at a hairdressing shop in Histon, improvements to the village entrance and communal areas in Longstanton and improving

the front of a community pub in Great Chishill.

Paul Bristow, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said: "High streets right across our region are full of heritage, culture and opportunity; and they are part of what makes Cambridgeshire the best place to live and work. This funding is part of the Combined Authority's commitment to back local businesses and communities. By working with partners likes South Cambridgeshire District Council, we are promoting rejuvenation, economic growth and getting residents back to our high streets."

This grant is aimed at projects that revitalise local shopping areas, increase footfall, encourage residents to shop locally and stimulate economic growth. There is a total of £90,000 in the funding pot. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 per project will be available to local businesses, charities, community groups and Parish Councils.

The grant money comes from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) acting as lead authority delivering the fund. South Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible for grant scheme delivery and allocation.

For full grant criteria and application for the grants please visit the South Cambridgeshire District Council webpage.

# Cambourne Family Art

All children were given the same topic to draw: "My Cambourne". The Art Day concluded with a certificate and prize ceremony, where each child received a solar light electronics kit to complete a project at home during the summer.

If any group or children in Cambourne wants to take part in any art or crafts activities, please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya at 07852753219 or sent an email to camcare.uk@gmail.com





# Fix the Farm: Robotics and Agriculture

Cambourne Electronics and Robotics Club (CERC) children were recently taken to a local farm in the nearby village of Elsworth, to Frank's Farm. Farmer Anthony took great care in teaching the children a wide range of farming and life skills from agriculture to maintaining chicken coops, farm safety, and learning about cows.







CERC regularly takes children from Cambourne to Frank's Farm, where they can work on real-life challenges. These activities are called "Fix the Farm." Children apply their handson robotics knowledge to solve practical problems, like how to protect chickens from foxes, how to measure soil moisture, manage irrigation, or add topsoil effectively.

If you are interested in joining the next farm trip and lending a helping hand, please get in touch with Shrobona Bhattacharya at 07852 753219 or email to camcare.uk@gmail.com

# Cambourne Youth gets to go to the WRO!



Cambourne Youth awarded the first prize for Future Innovators Junior Category and now they offered a placement to go to Slovenia to represent the UK to take part in the International World Robotics Competition.



CamCareUK and The World Robot Olympiad (WRO) jointly held the UK Regional Tournament for the East of England was held in Cambridge on Sunday, June 29th, 2025. The tournament featured categories like RoboMission, Future Innovators, and Future Engineers.

The Future Innovator category was a unique, project-based challenge within the World Robot Olympiad that invites students to become problem-solvers and creators. The theme for WRO 2025 is "The Future of Robots." This theme invites participants to explore how robotics can address global challenges and improve various aspects of our lives.

If any group or children in Cambourne wants to take part in the World Robotics Olympiad in 2026 competition or in any robotics activities in Cambourne, please contact Shrobona Bhattacharya at 07852753219 or sent an email to camcare.uk@gmail.com



# **CAM Academy wants** more recruits

Help shape the future of local education - become a LAB member. Are you passionate about education? Would you like to play a key role in supporting young people and schools in your community?

The CAM Academy Trust is recruiting local residents to join the local advisory boards (LABs) at its schools across Cambridgeshire. These boards are made up of volunteers who bring valuable local insight, challenge, and support to each school's leadership.

Being a LAB member is a rewarding way to:

help schools deliver the best for their pupils represent the needs and views of the local community monitor safeguarding, inclusion and standards support the vision and values of the trust

The Trust is particularly looking to grow its LABs at Melbourn Village College, Jeavons Wood Primary School in Cambourne, and Hartford Infant and Junior Schools in Huntingdon.

Volunteers are asked to attend four meetings per year and take part in school visits. No prior experience is needed - just a commitment to children's success and a willingness to learn. Full training is provided.

As a LAB member, you'll gain insight into how schools operate, connect with like-minded individuals, and help make a tangible difference to your local area. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required.

To find out more or express your interest, contact the CAM Academy Trust's governance team at: governance@catrust.co.uk







# **Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme**

Aspiring athletes in the Cambourne area are set to gain vital support as part of a sports talent development programme.

Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, now in its ninth year, has helped more than 7,000 athletes to achieve their sporting potential by providing free access to Everyone Active's 230-plus leisure facilities, including Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre.



Among the athletes accepted on the scheme this year are: Cambourne weightlifter and powerlifter Sunny Mayo, 17, who won gold at the British Powerlifting Competition and qualified for the British Championships

Yaxley's Lola Wing, a 12-year-old artistic gymnast who was Cambridgeshire county champion in 2024

Alongside free access to Everyone Active centres, Sporting Champions will also receive valuable mentoring and guidance from an impressive panel of Elite athletes comprising world champions, Commonwealth champions and Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic medallists.

The scheme's all-star line-up of prestigious athletes includes Richard Kilty, Lauren Steadman, Maisie Summers-Newton and Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, while new to the panel for 2025 is Team GB cyclist Emma Finucane\*.

These Elite athletes will share their experience and expertise through group mentoring sessions, covering topics including mental wellbeing, nutrition, managing finances, social media and media training.

These innovative, hands-on workshops are designed to equip up-and-coming athletes with the practical tools and techniques needed to be at the top of their game. In addition, and new for this year, Sporting Champions will take part in bitesize webinars in collaboration with national governing bodies.

Olympic silver medallist and former world record holder, Colin Jackson CBE, will continue to support the scheme through his

role as the scheme's Ambassador, working alongside the Elite athletes to make sport more accessible within local communities

At the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic games, no fewer than 26 Sporting Champions competed, taking home nine gold, six silver and eight bronze medals collectively.

Simon Clasby, Everyone Active's general manager, said: "We are delighted to be providing exceptional support to this year's cohort who have been accepted on Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme.

"The profound impact Sporting Champions has on emerging talent from Cambourne each year is always amazing to see. and we are excited to be supporting more athletes than ever on their journey to sporting success.

"As a leisure provider working in partnership with Cambourne Town Council, we feel it is important to cater for all sections of the community. We hope to continue making a real difference to our athletes' success and are excited to see what success stories the scheme will bring this year."

To find out more about the Everyone Active's Sporting Champions scheme, please visit: ea-champions.com/sportingchampions/ or follow @easportingchamps on Instagram. For further information on Everyone Active, visit: www.everyoneactive.com



# Attention all - Basketball is back in September!



Cambourne Basketball Club: Falcons Basketball is back in Cambourne this September, and Fastbreak Basketball is ready to launch another exciting season! After a fantastic year of growth, energy, and community spirit, the Falcons are returning on Wednesday, September 4th. Fastbreak Basketball offers a welcoming space for players of all levels — whether your child wants to get fit, try something new, or compete at local or national levels.

The club proudly supports the Falcons local and national league teams and has successfully developed the U14 Cambridge Kestrels national league team, giving young players a chance to grow, have fun, and build friendships through basketball. This autumn, Fastbreak is expanding junior sessions in Cambourne to include U9, U10, U11, U12, U14, and U18 age groups. A brand-new girls-only session will be launched, with hopes to grow into a full girls' team — because basketball is for everyone. No experience is needed, and all abilities are welcome. This is the perfect chance for your child to give basketball a try — especially with a special discounted rate for those who sign up during August.

To register or ask questions, email:

info@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk.

Full session details:

www.fastbreakbasketball.co.uk/clubs/autumn-2025-sessions Follow us for updates: Instagram: @fastbreakbasketballleague Facebook: @FastbreakBasketball

Don't miss your shot — join the Falcons this September!

